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Amendments

In the Specification:

On page 26, line 2, change "sdescribed" to --described-

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On page 38, line 22, change "FIG. 5" to --FIG. 4--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel non-elected claims 5-8 and 10-23.

Cancellation of these claims is without prejudice, without intent to abandon any originally claimed subject matter, and without intent to acquiesce in any rejection of record. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more related applications toward these non-elected, cancelled claims.

Please amend claims 1 and 9 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A keratinocyte growth factor fragment [or an analog thereof] comprising a portion of an amino acid sequence of mature, full-length keratinocyte growth factor, wherein the fragment exhibits at least a 2-fold increase in mitogenic activity as compared to a mature, recombinant, full-length keratinocyte growth factor, and lacks a sequence comprising the first 23 N-terminal amino acid residues of the mature, full-length keratinocyte growth factor.

9. (Amended) A therapeutic composition comprising:

(a) a keratinocyte growth factor fragment [or an analog thereof] that comprises a portion of an amino acid sequence of mature, full-length keratinocyte growth factor, wherein the portion exhibits at least a 2-fold increase in mitogenic activity as compared to the mature, recombinant, full-length keratinocyte